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SUBJECT: INDUSTRY COMMITTEE MEETING, MARCH 12-14

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1. ECON COUNSELOR ADVISED DRAHOTSKY FEBRUARY 11 OF U.S. CONCERNS RE LATE ARRIVAL OF INDUSTRY COMMITTEE DOCUMENTATION AND USOECD'S PROSPECTIVE APPROACHES TO SECRETARIAT AND REQUESTED HIS SUPPORT.

2. DRAHOTSKY SAID HE WAS FULLY SYMPATHETIC TO U.S. POSITION AND WE WOULD HAVE HIS SUPPORT. HE WAS SURE ALL MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE SHARED OBJECTIVE OF ENSURING TIMELY RECEIPT OF DOCUMENTATION. HE REFERRED TO AGREEMENT REACHED IN COMMITTEE ABOUT A YEAR AGO THAT WHEN NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION IS NOT AVAILABLE IN CAPITALS AT LEAST THREE WEEKS PRIOR TO MEETING, NO DISCUSSION ON ITEMS IN QUESTION WOULD TAKE PLACE. BEST WAY TO INFLUENCE SECRETARIAT, HE SAID, IS TO STICK TO THIS AGREEMENT WHICH IS STANDING RULE OF COMMITTEE AND REFUSE TO DISCUSS WHEN ITS TERMS ARE NOT MET. SECRETARIAT HAS INTEREST IN PRODUCTIVE MEETINGS AND WILL BE LIKELY

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TO RESPOND WHEN FORCED BY THIS TACTIC.

3. DRAHOTSKY SAID PART OF RECENT PROBLEM MAY HAVE BEEN DUE TO DELAYS IN MAIL. SECRETARIAT MAILS DOCUMENTS TO HIM BY OPEN AIRMAIL AND AROUND CHRISTMAS PERIOD SOME OF THESE WERE AS MUCH AS FOUR WEEKS IN TRANSIT. TODAY HE HAD RECEIVED AGENDA DOCUMENT FOR MARCH 12 MEETING OF COMMITTEE. DOCUMENT HAD BEEN MAILED FEBRUARY 7 FROM PARIS AND HAD BEEN RECEIVED MORE THAN FOUR WEEKS BEFORE MEETING. HE HOPED THIS WAS SIGN THAT SITUATION IMPROVING.
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